



# SULLY SPOTLIGHT

July 2006

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## Events of Interest for July 2006

- ♦ **July 4—Independence Day**
- ♦ **July 20—District Neighborhood Watch Training, 7p.m.—9p.m. @ 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard.**



## MPO Wayne Compher Awarded Officer of the Quarter



Left to right: Captain Susan Culin (Sully Commander), MPO Wayne Compher and John Werderman (CAC Chairman)

Master Police Officer Wayne Compher was awarded the Citizens' Advisory Committee's "Officer of the Quarter" at the June CAC meeting. MPO Compher is the Sully Station's resource officer. He is responsible for ensuring the fleet of cruisers are running and are up to date on all inspections. Besides taking care of the fleet, he also ensures that many tasks and projects at the station are handled.

MPO Compher has been on the department for over 25 years. He has worked various assignments to include the Motor Squad and Motor Carrier Safety. He maintains his status as a Motor Carrier Safety Officer. This requires him to attend training and conduct a yearly temporary assignment with Motor Carrier Safety in order to recertify.

MPO Compher was also very instrumental in coordinating and ensuring there were police cruisers to use after the shooting on May 8. For three days the station's cruisers were within the crime scene and could not be used to patrol. MPO Compher was able to coordinate the use of cars from other stations during this time. He was also one of the main individuals who coordinated many tasks during the two weeks that the police station was not operational to the public.

We congratulate MPO Compher on the award and thank him for his many hours of service and dedication.

# Celebrate With Safety in Mind



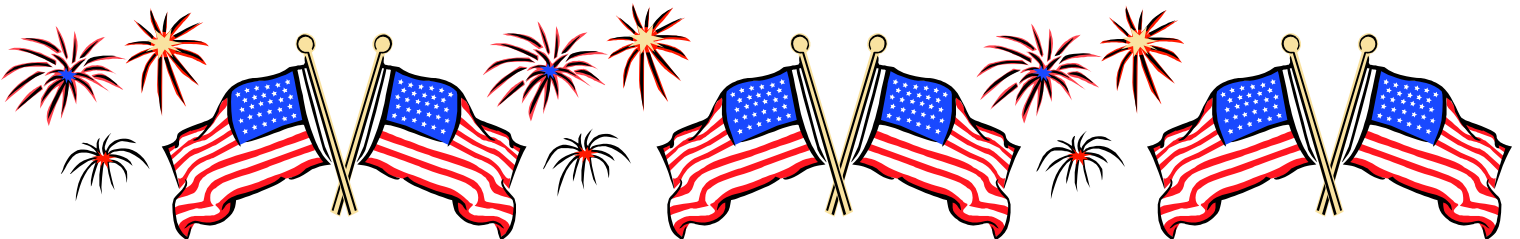
The 4th of July is a fun-filled holiday with cookouts, parties and firework displays. Unfortunately, every year injuries occur from fireworks. In Virginia, the law is specific on what is legal and illegal in fireworks. “Illegal fireworks include any combustible or explosive composition, and any substance and combination of substances and articles prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration or detonation. These include any firecracker, torpedo, skyrocket, roman candle or other substance or thing of whatever form or construction, that contains any explosion or inflammable compound or substance which explodes, rises into the air or travels laterally, or fires projectiles into the air, other than sparks. Fireworks do not include items such as sparklers, fountains, Pharaoh's Serpents, caps for pistols, or pinwheels when used, ignited or exploded on private property with the consent of the owner of the property.” (Virginia State Fire Code, Section F-3101.1) Any fireworks that explode or that emit flame or sparks to a distance greater than 12 feet or perform as a projectile or have a quick match fuse are also prohibited.

One of the most common injuries around the 4th of July is to the eye. About two-thirds of fireworks-related eye injuries result from bottle rockets. These small devices consist of a firework attached to the end of a thin stick approximately one foot long. Participants insert the rocket into the bottle acting as a base and then light the fuse. After ignition, the bottle rocket launches from the bottle into the air with little or no control from the participant.

According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, about 50 percent of persons injured from fireworks are children ages 14 and younger. Males represent 75 percent of all injuries. Sparklers are associated with the most injuries for children under five years old.

If you or your family choose to use approved fireworks, *please ensure safety is the number one priority*. Ensure children are supervised closely at all times .

**Have a safe and happy 4th of July celebration!**





## August 1 is National Night Out! Plan a community event to show your support for the fight against crime!

Call the Sully District Crime Prevention Office at 703-814-7018 or email [SulCPO@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:SulCPO@fairfaxcounty.gov) to register your community event. Officers will be visiting registered community events throughout the evening. For more information on NNO, visit <http://www.nationalnightout.org/nno>.

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## Community Wide Neighborhood Watch Training

The Sully District Crime Prevention Office will be providing Neighborhood Watch training for the community on Thursday, July 20 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Sully District Police Station, 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard. The training is open to already established Neighborhood Watches that have new members in need of training. Those interested in starting new, or reactivating old, Neighborhood Watches should contact the Sully District Crime Prevention Office to set up a training date for your community. The number to call is 703-814-7018.

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## CAC CORNER

At the June Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting, the Sully District Police Station gave members of the CAC the opportunity to drive police cruisers. We invited the members to join us at the Fairfax County Police Department Driving Track for a night of education and fun. The members got to see first hand the type of training each officer in Fairfax County must go through in order to operate a police cruiser. The members were given the opportunity to drive around the track in a cone course to learn the discipline needed to avoid hazards.





# *Fire Side*

## **Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire & Rescue**

12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax, Virginia 22033

### **COMPANY 21**

#### **Children and fire do not mix: Safety tips can prevent disaster**

FAIRFAX, Va. -- It was a child's curiosity and a discovered cigarette lighter that displaced a family of five and brought upon \$40,000 worth of damage to their Fairfax County home this past April, according to the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department.

Unfortunately, their story isn't uncommon. Along with other stations staffed by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company responds to a number of fires each year caused by children who've gained possession of lighters or candles.

According to the U.S. Fire Administration, more than 4,000 Americans die each year in fires, and more than 20,000 are injured. Deaths due to children playing with fire are particularly preventable.

If children are in the home, taking the following safety steps could save lives:

- Keep matches, lighters and other flammables in a secured drawer or cabinet out of reach of children.

- Teach children to tell an adult right away if they find matches and lighters.

- Always dress children in pajamas that meet federal flammability standards. Most clothing labels will have that information printed on them.

- Teach children not to hide from firefighters, but to get out quickly and to call for help from another location, such as a neighbor's house.

- Demonstrate how to stop, drop to the ground and roll if clothes catch fire.

- Familiarize children with the sound of the smoke alarm.

- Develop and practice a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside, such a mailbox or particular corner. Get out and stay out.

- Check under beds and in closets for burnt matches, evidence your child may be playing with fire.

#### **About us**

We have been providing fire protection and emergency medical services to the residents, businesses, and industry of Fairfax County since 1957. Working along side career personnel employed by Fairfax County, our volunteers are certified at all levels of emergency services, from minimum staffing, to line officer, to Battalion Chief. Our members regularly staff apparatus which in turn provides a higher level of emergency services to the community we serve.

*(Released by Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue Company, with information from the U.S. Fire Administration and Fairfax County)*

<http://www.fovfr.org>



## ***Sully District Station Child Seat Inspections***

Is your child seat installed properly? Is it the correct seat for the child's age and weight? Did you know that your Sully District Station offers free child seat inspections by certified technicians?

Next available dates:   Thursday, July 13, 2006                   5 p.m.—9 p.m.  
                                  Tuesday, July 18, 2006                   5 p.m.—9 p.m.  
                                  Thursday, July 27, 2006                   5 p.m.—9 p.m.



No appointment is necessary. Our technicians request that you make an effort to install your child safety seats yourself, so that they may properly inspect and make adjustments, as necessary. For additional child seat inspection times, you may call the Fairfax County Operations Support Bureau at 703-280-0559.

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## ***Traffic Trivia***



### ***Code of Virginia § 46.2-865. Racing; penalty.***

Any person who engages in a race between two or more motor vehicles on the highways in the Commonwealth or on any driveway or premises of a church, school, recreational facility, or business property open to the public in the Commonwealth shall be guilty of reckless driving, unless authorized by the owner of the property or his agent. When any person is convicted of reckless driving under this section, in addition to any other penalties provided by law the driver's license of such person shall be suspended by the court for a period of not less than six months nor more than two years. In case of conviction the court shall order the surrender of the license to the court where it shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of § 46.2-398.

### ***Code of Virginia § 46.2-867. Racing; seizure of motor vehicle.***

If the owner of a motor vehicle (i) is convicted of racing such vehicle in a prearranged, organized, and planned speed competition in violation of § 46.2-865, (ii) is present in the vehicle which is being operated by another in violation of § 46.2-865, and knowingly consents to the racing, or (iii) is convicted of a violation of § 46.2-865.1, the vehicle shall be seized and disposed of in the manner provided in §§ 4.1-339 through 4.1-348 for seizure and forfeiture of conveyances or vehicles used in the illegal transportation of alcoholic beverages. Such sections shall apply mutatis mutandis.

The penalties imposed by these sections are in addition to any other penalty imposed by law.

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4900 Stonecroft Boulevard  
Chantilly, VA 20151

Main Phone 703-814-7000  
Fax 703-814-7013

File a Report on Line  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/homepage.htm)

**Virginia Amber Alert**  
<http://www.vaamberalert.com>

**Aggressive Driving—  
Report Online at**  
[https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf\\_sfty\\_report.htm](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ps/police/traf_sfty_report.htm)



#### PHONE NUMBERS

**Fairfax County Crime  
Solvers :**  
1-866-411-TIPS

**Fairfax County Police  
Non-Emergency:**  
703-691-2131

**Sully District Crime  
Prevention Office:**  
703-814-7018

**Child Car Seat  
Installation:**  
**Sully District Station**  
703-814-7000 x 5140

**SAFE (Self Defense Class)**  
703-246-7806

**Citizen Reporting System  
(to file reports only )**  
703-464-4756

## CRIME FLASH

## Bicycle Theft Increasing

The Sully District has seen an increase in bicycle thefts with the onset of warm weather. Bicycles left unlocked at community pools, front yards and even enclosed backyards have become the targets for thieves. Garages left open are also being entered to steal bicycles. Bicycles are used frequently by children to get from point A to point B during the summer. If your children use a bicycle, ensure they have a good lock and chain for their bicycle. Show them how to properly secure their bikes to racks or poles so that they are not easily taken. Make sure you also have all information copied from your bicycle to include serial number, make and model, color and any special markings on the bicycle. Keep this information in a safe, convenient place. In the event your bicycle is stolen, you will have the information for the police.



## Keep Your Home Safe During Vacation

Summer is a popular time for families to head to the beach, mountains or other get away for vacation. Being away from home for an extended period of time always leaves open the off chance someone could burglarize your house. Taking a few extra steps before leaving for vacation can reduce your chances of being victimized in a burglary. First, place timers on lights throughout the house to come on to mirror your regular everyday activities. Second, ensure all locks are utilized on doors and windows. Third, if exterior lights are controlled by a switch, place photocell adapters on the lights to come on at dusk and go off at dawn. Allowing exterior lights to burn all day is a good indication to thieves that no one is home. Next, have a trusted friend, neighbor or family member check on the house periodically to make sure everything is as it should be. Have them pick up your mail and remove newspapers from the driveway so they do not accumulate. Also, if you have "vacation mode" on your garage doors, utilize this feature while you are gone to better secure your garage and house.

Taking a few extra steps to keep your home safe will help give you peace of mind while you relax on vacation.